

Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname, David Malcolm Robinson, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Conflict and Stabilization Operations), and to be Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization, Daniel H. Rubinstein, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia, Lucy Tamlyn, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin, Susan Coppedge Amato, of Georgia, to be Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, with the rank of Ambassador at Large, and lists in the Foreign Service, all of the Department of State.

CIVIL NUCLEAR AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH KOREA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the civil nuclear agreement with the Republic of South Korea, after receiving testimony from Thomas M. Countryman, Assistant Secretary of State.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Robert Porter Jackson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ghana, Harry K. Thomas, Jr., of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe, Julie Furuta-Toy, of Wyoming, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, and Dennis B. Hankins, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea, all of the Department of State, and Linda I. Etim, of Wisconsin, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine achieving the promise of health information technology, after receiving testimony from Karen B. DeSalvo, National Coordinator, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, and Pat-

rick Conway, Acting Principal Deputy Administrator, Deputy Administrator for Innovation and Quality, and Chief Medical Officer, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, both of the Department of Health and Human Services.

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and the National Interest concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Administration's Fiscal Year 2016 refugee resettlement program, including fiscal and security implications, after receiving testimony from Lawrence Bartlett, Director, Office of Refugee Admissions, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, Department of State; Barbara L. Strack, Chief, Refugee Affairs Division, Refugee, Asylum, and International Operations Directorate, and Matthew D. Emrich, Acting Associate Director, Fraud Detection and National Security Directorate, both of Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security; and Robert Carey, Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.

GOLD KING MINE WASTE WATER SPILL

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the significant costs and related burdens for small businesses resulting from the Gold King Mine waste water spill near Silverton, Colorado, after receiving testimony from Representative Tipton; Bradford P. Blake, La Plata County Commissioner, and Andrew Corra, 4Corners Riversports, both of Durango, Colorado; and DeAnne Gallegos, Chamber of Commerce, Silverton, Colorado.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 3660–3680; 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 81–84; and H. Res. 454–459, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed:

Reports were filed today as follows:

Supplemental Report on H.R. 702, to adapt to changing crude oil market conditions (H. Rept. 114–267, Part 2);

H.R. 538, to facilitate the development of energy on Indian lands by reducing Federal regulations that impede tribal development of Indian lands, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–276);

H.R. 1644, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to ensure transparency in the development of environmental regulations, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–277); and

H.R. 3192, to provide for a temporary safe harbor from the enforcement of integrated disclosure requirements for mortgage loan transactions under the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974 and the Truth in Lending Act, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–278). **Pages H6786–87**

Justice for Victims of Iranian Terrorism Act: The House passed H.R. 3457, to prohibit the lifting of sanctions on Iran until the Government of Iran pays the judgments against it for acts of terrorism, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 251 yeas to 173 nays, Roll No. 533. **Pages H6761–68, H6778–79**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in H. Rept. 114–273 shall be considered as adopted. **Page H6761**

H. Res. 449, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3457) and providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 1735), was agreed to by a recorded vote of 241 yeas to 181 noes, Roll No. 530, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 237 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 529. **Pages H6752–61**

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016: The House agreed to the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 1735) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 270 yeas to 156 nays, Roll No. 532. **Pages H6768–78**

Rejected the Smith (WA) motion to recommit, with instructions, the conference report to the committee of conference, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 186 yeas to 241 nays, Roll No. 531. **Pages H6777–78**

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Providing for corrections to the enrollment of H.R. 1735: The House agreed by unanimous consent to H. Con. Res. 81, providing for corrections to the enrollment of the bill H.R. 1735. **Page H6779**

Amending the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2007 to postpone a scheduled increase in the minimum wage applicable to American Samoa: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 2617, to amend the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2007 to postpone a scheduled increase in the minimum wage applicable to American Samoa. **Pages H6779–80**

Supplemental Report: Agreed that the Committee on Energy and Commerce be authorized to file a supplemental report on H.R. 702, to adapt to changing crude oil market conditions. **Page H6780**

STEM Education Act of 2015: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1020, to define STEM education to include computer science, and to support existing STEM education programs at the National Science Foundation. **Page H6780**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 1 p.m. tomorrow, October 2nd and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, October 6th for Morning Hour debate. **Page H6781**

Presidential Messages: Read a message from the President wherein he designated funding for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism—"referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–62). **Page H6785**

Read a message from the President wherein he designated emergency funding for urgent wildland fire suppression activities—"referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–63). **Page H6785**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H6761, H6784, H6785.

Senate Referral: S. 2078 was held at the desk. **Page H6761**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four ye-a-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6759–60, H6760–61, H6777–78, H6778, and H6778–79. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

Committee Meetings

IMPROVING PUBLIC SHIPYARDS TO MORE EFFECTIVELY MEET NAVY OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing entitled “Improving Public Shipyards to More Effectively Meet Navy Operational Requirements”. Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral Mark R. Whitney, U.S. Navy, Deputy Commander, Logistics, Maintenance and Industrial Operations, Naval Sea Systems Command.

EXAMINING POTENTIAL WAYS TO IMPROVE THE MEDICARE PROGRAM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Examining Potential Ways to Improve the Medicare Program”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TRANSPORTING NUCLEAR MATERIALS: DESIGN, LOGISTICS, AND SHIPMENT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy held a hearing enti-

tled “Transporting Nuclear Materials: Design, Logistics, and Shipment”. Testimony was heard from Franklin Rusco, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.